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Agriculture In School

An almost perennial subject of discussion is the school curriculum, what it should and what it should not contain. Many there are who contend that the present-day curriculum in most countries is over-loaded with subjects and contains much that should be eliminated. There are others, including numerous organizations, who are constantly demanding that this or that new subject be added. For example, there are those who strongly advocate the teaching of temperance, not so much in the older meaning of that term, but in relation to the use of intoxicants. Others insist that religion should be taught, while others again object even to recitation of the Lord's Prayer or the Ten Commandments. Still others call for the teaching of co-operation, the meaning and use of money, while the number of so-called social subjects and problems which different groups insist should be included in the curriculum are almost beyond calculation.

The real difficulty seems to lie in the opposing views held as to what is education, and what is the function of the school in providing it to the youth of the land. Is it the main function of the school to impart information, or is it to so develop and train the mind and intellectual powers of the student as to equip him or her for the battle of life irrespective of the sphere in which they may live or the particular activity in which they may be engaged? If the former, then a very extensive curriculum would be necessary to cater to all classes of students; if the latter, a fairly short and condensed curriculum might serve all.

There is one subject, however, apart from the rudimentary subjects such as reading, writing, arithmetic, geography, history, composition, etc., which it has been generally recognized should, to the full extent possible, be included in our school courses, and especially so in the western provinces of Canada, and that is, agriculture. Addressing the recent annual convention of the Canadian Society of Technical Agriculturists assembled at Edmonton, Dr. R. C. Wallace, president of the University of Alberta, discussed this particular aspect of present-day curricula in the schools. Having stated that a good deal of thought has been given in past years to the kind of education in agriculture which can best be introduced into the school curriculum, Dr. Wallace said that it had to be frankly admitted that the relatively little success had attended the efforts of those who are concerned with school education in the teaching of agriculture; that the formal agriculture of Grade IX and X, of the high school had on the whole not achieved what was expected of it, and that the school grades which had traditionally proclaimed thirty years ago, cannot be seen in Western Canada today.

While stating that it would necessitate going too far afield to discuss all the underlying difficulties—lack of trained teachers, discontinuity of school life during the growing seasons—Dr. Wallace pointed out that he had learned that in public and high schools it was science and not the art of a vocation that could be taught successfully. For that reason he was of opinion that successful work in agriculture in the public and high school will come incidentally to the study of the natural sciences, and the application of the principles of science were continuously made in plant and animal processes, in weather lore, and in soil processes, interest in agriculture and in agricultural procedure would grow naturally out of the underlying scientific principles which have universal application; and the teacher should not be placed in the compromising position of posing, unwillingly, as an expert in a field where he or she was not accepted. That would be, he felt, the emphasis of the future.

On the other hand, Dr. Wallace pointed out, there had been real success in boys' and girls' club work, and in school fairs in which agricultural projects had played their part, mainly because the activities were extra-curricular and conducted in the realistic atmosphere of the farm with the help of trained district agriculturalists—Dr. Wallace pointed out that the success carried out by the young people themselves, they were the soundest acknowledgment which had yet been achieved in the vocational activity in agriculture of school-age boys and girls. The unfortunate fact was that this system, as yet, did not reach all schools and school children in the rural districts.

These observations by Dr. Wallace would seem to merit the serious consideration, not alone of Provincial departments of education, but of agriculture, but of the parents of farm boys and girls who are themselves the trustees of rural schools and directors of agricultural societies. Dr. Wallace places stress on those scientific truths which are fundamental, which must be recognized and obeyed if success is to be achieved. These cannot be learned in school through the natural science course, even though such courses may not be distinctly labelled agricultural. Successful agriculture cannot be learned solely from a book, or through a study course, any more than carpentering or any other handicraft. If pupils are sent out from the schools well grounded in fundamentals, made acquainted with the immutability of Nature's laws, with intellects trained to observation, to the detection of the true from the false, induced with initiative and ambition, they will be primarily equipped for a career in agriculture or in any profession they may choose.

Flying Fish

Flying fish do fly; they do not flap their "wings," but merely glide through the air. After getting up speed in the water, the fish takes to the air and, with the momentum of the water, considerable speed is attained and a distance of 500 feet is often covered by these fish.

Heard It Anyway

Although he sat only a few hundred feet from the bandstand, a visitor at a musical festival in Ontario, heard the musicians from a distance to the air and with the current of the wind, heard the band concert from where he was sitting, the man turned on his car radio and picked up the program from Chicago. 2199

Likes Life In The Arctic

Quebec Girl Spends Two Years In The North, And Is Going Back Again

Cities have no attraction for Marie Connet, 20-year-old Gaspe girl. She found city life "empty." She also visited Montreal after two years at Cameron Bay, a mining settlement on Great Bear Lake, near the Arctic circle.

Marie spent a few days with her sister at Montreal, then left for her home in Gaspe. Late in the summer she expects to meet a young mining engineer, a graduate of Queen's, now in the Athabasca district, and return to the north to live.

In the summer of 1933 Marie, then 18 and fresh from the sheltered life of a convent, set out from Gaspe for Cameron Bay to visit her brother whom she had not seen for eight years. Travelling by rail to Peace River she joined a party taking in supplies. Then began a hazardous journey by boat through the Peace River, Lake Athabasca, Slave river, Great Slave lake and the Mackenzie and Green and Bear rivers.

When the party reached Fort Franklin, 250 miles from their destination, Sept. 1, the water was ice, freezing fast, and there was no hope of navigating Great Bear Lake that season. A plane was chartered to complete the trip, and Marie had her first experience of flying.

Trips by airplane to visit silver and pitchblende mines in the vicinity were among her later experiences. It was some time, however, before she was permitted to go down into the mines. The miners were superstitious about women in the workings.

At Cameron Bay, where Marie was one of eight white women, she had plenty of time to observe the life, habits and customs of the Indians and Eskimos. She preferred the latter, she said, because they were cleaner in their habits than the Indians.

Wives among the Eskimos may be hartered just as are articles of commerce. Marie told of one occasion when an Eskimo offered his wife and two daughters in exchange for a fine rifle which he coveted. Stealing another man's wife, however, is a serious crime, for which in the Eskimo idea of justice, death is the fit punishment.

Gulls Fond Of Cherries

Have Their Own Method Of Securing The Fruit

A remarkable case of birds meeting a new situation by a change in their characteristic behavior has just been reported by the U.S. Biological Survey. The birds are the gulls at Salt Lake Valley of Utah. They are fond of cherries. Great cherry orchards were sprung up through the territory in the last few decades.

Now the gull with its clumsy, webbed feet, cannot perch on the fruit, but it has learned to use its long, pointed bill to pick up the cherries. It must wait for the fruit to fall which doesn't happen in the great commercial orchards. So the gulls have learned to use their feet, beat down the fruit with their wings and then fly to the ground and feast on their harvest. They also have been observed in the tops of the cherry trees supporting themselves with outspread wings and devouring all fruit within reach.

The new food habit says Clarence Cottam, food-habit expert of the Biological Survey, seems to have developed as a result of a locally increased gull population and the consequent greater competition for the limited supply of usual foods.

Cheered Wrong Man

Lloyd George has a "double" in James Gray, a magistrate in Glasgow since 1928. The name of the man learned when he recently appeared before an audience of 3,000 in Glasgow to tell about his New Deal proposal. Gray arrived at the hall first, was mistaken for Lloyd George, and received loud and round of cheers. When Lloyd George arrived much of the lung power had been spent.

The Lunar Eclipse

A lunar eclipse is caused by the direct alignment of the sun, earth and moon, with the moon passing through the umbra, or shadow, of the earth. The eclipse was visible from about 86,000 miles away. The long duration of the last eclipse—1 hour 40 minutes and 18 seconds—was caused by the moon passing through a thick portion of the cone, approximately 228,000 miles away from the earth.

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South Africa Celebrates

New British Dominion Was Formed 25 Years Ago

In the hectic period of the King's silver jubilee another has been overlooked, that of the Union of South Africa. It was in the summer of 1910 that the former Boer republics of the Transvaal and the Orange Free State joined with "The Cape" and Natal to form another British dominion overseas.

The Boer War had ended some nine years previously, and thanks to the action, the generous trust of Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman, Liberal prime minister, the Dutch people were granted a free constitution within the British Empire instead of being treated as a conquered nation. Instead of their independence being taken from them they were given freedom, but the great majority are still under old "Oom" Paul Kruger.

There were, and probably are still among the older Afrikaners, a few recalcitrants, but the great majority are, if not ardent Britishers, South Africans first and Britishers next—which is about the situation in Canada—Canadians first, then loyal Britishers. Their loyalty was put to a severe test four years after Union when the Great War broke out and Germany in South-West Africa attempted to foment an anti-British rising. A small number did make themselves troublesome, but Boer and British combined to crush the German forces and soon put an end to Germanism in South Africa.

There is no standing army in the Empire than the former Boer general, Jan Smuts, who has one of the finest minds in the world, and General Hertzog, the leader of the Boers, has also become a firm friend of Britain. South Africa has a white population of about two millions, 55 per cent Dutch and 45 per cent British. The country is very prosperous chiefly owing to its vast gold belt, and it can look forward to the future with confidence.—St. Thomas Times-Journal.

Has Lived On Farm

Canada's Second Woman Senator Eight Years In Saskatchewan

Canada's new woman senator known, from first hand, of life on a Saskatchewan farm, she is Mrs. Howard Falls, and she was recently appointed to the senate.

Mrs. Falls, in the days gone by, once lived for eight years on a farm in Saskatchewan, according to word from the east.

An eloquent and public spirited wife of a Peterborough, Ontario, farmer, Mrs. Falls holds the distinction of being the second woman member of the Canadian senate. She is the third of her sex to hold a seat in Canada's parliament, and the only woman on the government side of the red chamber.

The name of Mrs. Iva Campbell Falls appeared among the list of 10 senators "named" by a special writ of R. Bennett. She combines the ability of performing most of the heavy duties of farm life with that of an expert public speaker.

In February, 1930, shortly after the judicial committee of the privy council had decided in Canada would be elected to the senate, all the prerogatives enjoyed by men in respect to government, the then prime minister, W. L. Mackenzie King, summoned Mrs. Catherine Wilson, of Ottawa, to the senate. She was the first woman senator, and the second woman to become a member of Canada's parliament.

Long before that, in 1921, Miss Agnes MacPhail, a Grey county farmer's daughter and school teacher, was elected to the senate. She was the first of her sex to take a seat in the Dominion parliament and had been returned at every general election since.

Damage Has Been Repaired

Last Evidence Of Zeppelin's Havoc Disappears From London

Last visible evidence of the havoc wrought to the city of London by World War Zeppelins has disappeared. A waste block near Ritz-place, in Camberwell, where three houses were blown to pieces in 1917, has been cleared for a row of modern buildings. It was supposed to be the last remaining ruin of any consequence. The base of suburbs' Needle on Victoria Embankment, only a few blocks from the Houses of Parliament is heavily pockmarked.

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Health Of The World

Population Of Most Countries Rejoins Good Health During Years Of Depression

According to the data supplied by the League of Nations Year Book, it looks as though mankind not only could take the depression, but waxes healthy under its vicissitudes. The death rate in all except three of the thirty countries reporting was less than the average in the prosperous five years 1926 to 1930. The birth rate average also fell, rising slightly in the last year in five of the countries, namely, Germany, Great Britain, Ireland, Poland and Denmark. Germany has a long lead in this regard, her population increasing 7.1 per 1,000, twice as fast as in 1931, and seven times faster than that of France, and more than twice as fast as that of Great Britain, where it was 3.3 last year. United States for 1933 was 5.7.

The League book does not touch upon the cases of mental illness, but a study made by the United States National Committee for Mental Disease and the American Psychiatric Association, asserts that mental ailments have shown no increase since the depression, a finding that is contrary to the general impression—Winnipeg Free Press.

Completes Long Trip

Dutch Submarine Travels From Holland To West Indies

The most ambitious trip ever undertaken in any submarine occurred recently when The Netherlands Navy's K-18 arrived at Amsterdam from Surabaya, East India, having left Helder, Holland, on November 14 last, covering a distance of more than 25,000 miles.

The submarine, under her own power and without an escort, visited five continents. The trip included fifteen, twenty and twenty-five day stretches without a break. The submarine dived 230 times, remaining under water for 264 hours. The crew of 35 men was under Commander G. E. Hetherly, also aboard being Professor Felix A. Vening, of Utrecht University, charged with scientific observations. The latter made the deepest sound ever made in the Atlantic, namely 6,700 metres between Dakar and Pernambuco.

The stockyards at Williams Lake, B.C., lie in the centre of a miniature empire, with the Cariboo country to the east and the Chilcotin country to the west. An idea of the size of this territory may be gauged from the fact that it takes three weeks to travel from the stockyards to the more remote ranches, while the bulk of the cattle which comes from the west of the Chilcotin river requires ten days to take the trip.

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The Champion Chronicle

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Thursday, August 1 1935

Once again Wednesday afternoon the district received a nice shower.

The district received another drenching on Thursday night last with a total of 87 inches. The whole country has received and shows the benefit of the recent rains. The heads of wheat appear to be filling out well.

Champion was well represented at both Claresholm and Carmanagay Wednesday; horse races and baseball took place at the former and at the latter a picnic of the Social Credit groups of Champion, Carmanagay and Barons.

Bad Sandford's horse, ridden by Kenneth Outts, won several races at Claresholm Wednesday afternoon.

Mrs. J. M. Moffatt was a very successful competitor at the Lethbridge fair, winning 8 firsts out of 12 entries.

Mrs. Burland and Muriel, who have been visiting at Lethbridge for the past week returned home Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ted Carlson and family returned to their home last week having spent a holiday visiting relatives in Vancouver.

Card of Thanks

I wish to express my sincere thanks and appreciation for the kindnesses shown to me by Dr. Wilson, the nurses, Mrs. Moffatt and my friends during my recent illness.

Mrs. Dick Davies.

The FIRESIDE PHILOSOPHY

By ALFRED BIGGS

By spiring with your advice, better to be refined than beautiful.

Nothing is more certain than uncertainty.

The spirit travels where the mind can not reach.

Greatness in thought or deed speaks for itself.

Some folks get sick worrying about their health.

You're no use to yourself if you're of no use to others.

C. Lucia has accepted a position with the Massey-Harris Co. Morgan Smith received ad justment on the fire damage this week.

Mrs. Berger has been confined to the house due to an infected knee.

Mr. Root is making fair progress following an operation in the local hospital.

H. T. Lamont, H. Higgins and G. M. Campbell spent the week end at Waterton Lakes.

Mr. and Mrs. Camulini and family left Wednesday for Spokane and other points.

Mrs. Woodhull and A. E. Woodhull were Cardston visitors over the week end.

Oscar Anderson is progressing slowly following his accident at the Bar U recently.

Mrs. Carlson, Miss Margaret Carlson and Norman Carlson are Waterton visitors this week.

Bill Bozarth returned to Champion last week, having spent the past two months at the coast.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Lohman and family of Kimberley, B. C. were Lethbridge visitors during the Stampede.

Mrs. Ella Bonabier is around again, after having been confined to the house with a sprained ankle.

The resignation of Miss Martin was received this week following her acceptance of a position in Ottawa.

The grading outfit is again at work following a delay of two weeks during which time the engine was repaired.

Bob Maxwell has a snap of the string of fish they caught on their last morning, 37 in all, to prove that they really did get some.

Little Jimmy Kuegstra is making very favorable progress following an operation during which skin was grafted on the foot that was burned.

A meeting will be held in the Alston Hall on Tuesday 6th August at 8 p.m., at which Gordon Walker, M. L. A. will be present to address the meeting. Everybody welcome.

For Sale

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Will He Never Learn

She—"Why don't you like girls?" He—"They're too biased." She—"Biased?" He—"Yes, bias this and bias that, until I'm broke"—The Shoreline.

The Spider Knew

We know a lot of people who would not hurt a spider because one of their ancestors 600 years ago helped so much in Scottish history, and we are with them. If ever a spider is come across, it is gingerly frightened away. But some people consider them as a sign of good or bad luck. Mark Twain, the celebrated American humorist, once edited a newspaper, and he received word from an old subscriber that he had found a spider inside the paper. Was that meant for good or bad luck? Mark Twain's answer was:—"Old Subscriber—Finding a spider in your paper was neither good luck nor bad luck for you. The spider was merely looking over our paper to see which merchant is not advertising, so that he can go to that store, spin his web across the door, and lead a life of undisturbed peace ever afterwards!"

Mr. and Mrs. F. Watts and Patricia returned Saturday from a two weeks holiday spent visiting relatives at Wenatchee, Wash. They were accompanied by Mrs. Watts' father and mother.

Dance at Alston Wed. 7 Aug. Len Davis. Gents 75 cents.

Berry pickers have been active the past two weeks, several reporting several quarts of saskatoon.

The Little Bow Constituency Conference of the Alberta Women's Institute will be held in Champion Community Hall on Wednesday, August 7th. Sessions will commence at 10 o'clock a.m. and 1:30 p.m.



Striking while the iron is hot is a characteristic of the West that has gained the admiration of the rest of Canada. And so there is little surprise in the announcement that the Board of Trade at Invermere, B.C., has leased the bungalow camp at beautiful Lake Windermere for this summer, in anticipation of increased tourist traffic to the Canadian Rockies which has been generally forecast in Europe, the Orient, and the United States. The camp, which is being taken over by small but energetic Invermere, is one of the most delightfully situated in the Canadian Rockies. Built originally by the Canadian Pacific Railway, this camp has been successfully operated for the past

several years as a private camp for girls. In the centre of an ideal vacation district, it is easily reached by main mountain highways. The famous Banff-Invermere road leads to it, a good alternative route being through the mountains from Cranbrook. The lake averages about 65 degrees in the summer and is ideal for swimming and boating. Excellent trout fishing can be had in several creeks and smaller lakes near by and the lake itself has hatched salmon of considerable size. Within a day's ride is the celebrated Lake of the Hanging Glaciers, with six spectacular glaciers all concentrating in one morning with an ice wall several hundred feet high which drops a continual succession of small icebergs into the lake.

The camp is a particularly good centre for a whole summer's rest and exploration, because many are the old trails that can be made by car, mountain-bred ponies, or on foot to adjacent spots of beauty or historic interest. Tennis courts and motor launches are available for the use of the guests. There is accommodation for 43 guests in the camp, which consists of a large main building, with wide veranda, and of separate small bungalows, equipped with comfortable beds, stove, clothes closet, linen furniture, running water, and electric lights. A double bath-house, with hot and cold running water, contains separate bath room.

Macleod Federal Constituency Association of the U. F. A.

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